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SUMMARY. SOVIET EMBOFF IN TOKYO OPTIMISTIC THAT JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL AFTER MIG INCIDENT CLOSED, DESPITE CURRENT PALL THAT HANGS OVER RELATIONS. PROMOTION OF HUA KUO FENG TO PRC CHAIRMANSHIP AND PURGE OF RADICALS IN PEKING MAY IMPROVE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SOVIETS BUT PROCESS WILL TAKE TIME. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF OCT 19, SOVIET EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR KOMAROVSKY NOTED THAT "NEGATIVE ELEMENT" COLORED BILATERAL RELATIONS ON THIS DAY, THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NORMALIZATION OF SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

HE DOUBTED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES

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BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO CELEBRATE EVENT.

AS RESULT OF MIG AFFAIR, ALL PENDING MEETINGS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND SOVIETS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV (DUE LATE OCT), FISHERIES INDUSTRIES MINISTER ISHKOV (DUE BY END OF YEAR) AND CONVENING OF JAPAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC COMMISSION NOV 25 WERE IN ABEYANCE, HE SAID.

2. PERSONALLY, KOMAROVSKY WAS "OPTIMISTIC" THAT PALL CAST OVER SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS WAS ONLY TEMPORARY AND THAT ONCE INCIDENT CAME TO END (I.E., MIG-25 RETURNED) RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE RESTORED. NATIONAL INTERESTS BOTH SIDES BEST SERVED BY DOING SO, BUT INITIATIVE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS MUST COME FROM JAPANESE SIDE, KOMAROVSKY CONCLUDED.

3. COMMENTING ON IMPLICATIONS OF HUA KUO FENG PROMOTION TO CHAIRMAN OF PRC AND REPORTED PURGE OF RADICALS IN POLITBURO, KOMAROVSKY QUOTED LONG PASSAGES FROM ALEXANDROV OCT 1 PRAVDA ARTICLE WHICH PORTRAYED SOVIET UNION AS LONG-SUFFERING PARTNER ANXIOUS TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES. PRIVATELY, HE CONCLUDED, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PRC INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF LIMITED RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SOVIETS. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT CHINESE WOULD STILL REQUIRE EXTERNAL ENEMY FOR INTERNAL REASONS BUT SAW NO REASON WHY STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS COULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO IMPROVE WITHOUT AFFECTING SIGNIFICANTLY THE WAY CHINESE PORTRAYED BY SOVIETS TO DOMESTIC AUTHORITIES. IF HUA KUO FENG WAS REALLY PRAGMATIST, AS ANALYSTS NOW SEEMED TO THINK, HE WOULD MOVE BEFORE TOO LONG AT LEAST TO REDUCE DAMAGE OF CONFRONTATION ALONG BORDER. KOMAROVSKY REMARKED ON HAVING READ THAT HUA KUO FENG HAD DELIVERED ANTI-SOVIET DIATRIBE TO VISITING FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, BUT NOTED THAT CHINESE WERE WONT TO TAILOR THEIR REMARKS TO THEIR SPECIFIC AUDIENCE. RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN CHINESE AND SOVIETS, IF IT CAME, WOULD BE LIMITED AND TACTICAL. KOMAROVSKY FELT, AND PROBABLY TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME. PATTERNS OF ANTI-SOVIET THOUGHT WELL-INGRAINED

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IN CHINA AND COUND NOT BE REDRAWN VERY QUICKLY.

4. KOMAROVSKY SAID THAT A VISITING SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE FROM PEKING REPORTED THAT RAIL LINE FROM PEKING TO SHEYANG, CLOSED SINCE EARTHQUAKE (AT LEAST TO FOREIGNERS) WAS OPEN AGAIN ON OCTOBER 15. HE WONDERED WHETHER EARTHQUAKE WAS ONLY REASON FOR CLOSURE OR WHETHER IT SERVED AS

PRETEXT FOR DENYING RAIL TRANSPORT TO PERSONNEL FROM  
LI TE-SHENG'S NORTHEAST MILITARY REGION.  
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